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Your loss of personal space was TTC's gain

$22M surplus. Crammed transit in 2011 meant a lot more revenue, without more cost: TTC's financial officer

If you thought the TTC was feeling a little, let's say close, in 2011, you weren't imagining things.

The TTC was packing them in last year with over 500-million rides — 13 million more than transit officials expected, resulting in a $22-million surplus, according to the system's financial statements.

In part, that's because a fare hike failed to result in as many lost riders as transit officials expected, said TTC chief financial and administration officer Vince Rodo.

TTC surpluses are generally added back into the city's coffers. So the 2011 operating subsidy from the city, budgeted at $544.9 million last year, was actually only $523.4 million.

"If we had known we were going to have 500-million riders, we would have set our schedules to carry 500-million people.... Because for a large part of the year it was crammed on, you got a lot more revenue without a lot more cost," Rodo said.

To accommodate growth in ridership, the TTC boosted its service levels in September. As the ridership increases continued through the fall, transit officials budgeted for 503-million rides in 2012 — 507 million at the outside.

But the TTC is exceeding those projections, too. The system is on track to deliver about 512-million rides this year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Keeps growing

512M

Transit officials budgeted for 503-million rides in 2012 — 507 million at the most. But the system is on track to deliver about 512-million rides this year.

TRUE COLOURS

A girl from Clinton Street Junior Public School waves a mini rainbow flag before the larger flag behind her is raised over city hall to mark the start of Pride festivities on Monday. The mayor's decision to skip the event was a minor sideshow, marked by boos and laughs. Story, page 3. DAVID RIDER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rescue crews set to continue work

Hours after the search was called off at Elliot Lake due to safety concerns, an MPP said rescue efforts at the collapsed mall would resume PAGE 8

Huge landslides destroy 3 villages

Hundreds of people are feared dead in Uganda after massive landslides are induced by torrential rains in an eastern part of the country PAGE 12

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Councillors turn out for joyous Pride flag-raising

Kick-off ceremony. Mayor Ford's absence only a minor sideshow at city hall event

Many of Mayor Rob Ford's allies clapped as a rainbow flag rose over city hall, kicking off Pride Week.

Ford's decision to skip the event was a minor sideshow marked by boos and laughs when Coun. Shelley Carroll, reading the city's proclamation in his stead, read: "I, Mayor Rob Ford ..."

Ford was there in the form of a radio station's cut-out depiction of him, nude but for a diaper, that was a magnet for people posing for photos.

Kristyn Wong-Tam, Toronto's only openly gay councillor, reminded celebrants that Pride Week is a cultural event but also part of a global human-rights movement and that such acceptance remains a "dream" in many other places.

"Let's not forget that when we raise the rainbow flag in Toronto, a teenager in remote northern Ontario is given a beacon of hope that there is another way of being in this world and that he or she is not alone," she said.

She noted that, this month, MPPs enshrined "gender identity" and "gender expression" in the Ontario Human Rights Code and passed anti-bullying legislation that prohibits schools from outlawing gay-straight alliances.

Ford has spurned all invitations to Pride events, although he did surprise many last month by marking the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"Let's not forget that when we raise the rainbow flag in Toronto, a teenager in remote northern Ontario is given a beacon of hope that there is another way of being in this world and that he or she is not alone." Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam

Fatal stabbing. Father receives life sentence for killing elderly woman

Tricia Hopf was unnerved by a highrise neighbour who made unwanted visits to her 16th-floor apartment with his three young kids, phoning her almost daily to discuss the price of gas.

When Marion Lyons, an 81-year-old woman living four floors below, was stabbed to death, one of her first thoughts was of the pestering neighbour, Mohammad Hamadeh, 44. "He terrified me. He just had this look in his eyes," Hopf said.

On Monday, the 67-year-old retired trauma nurse was happy to see Hamadeh sentenced to life in prison, although she wished the judge had made the parole ineligibility period longer than 15 years, for killing the vibrant, independent senior.

In 2009, Hamadeh told neighbours in his Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills Road-area building he regarded Lyons as a second mother. But on Jan. 6 of that year, he asked her for financial help, and then flew into a rage when she refused, stabbing her 91 times, Justice Michael Dambrot said.

As she lay in a pool of blood, Hamadeh took her credit card and went on a shopping spree. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Privatization?

City gives zoo $12M a year: Statement

The Toronto Zoo's annual audited financial statement shows the city subsidizes the attraction by $12 million a year, more evidence as to why Mayor Rob Ford wants a private interest running things. A city official says paperwork will likely be issued soon to gauge interest from outside parties in buying, leasing, or operating the zoo — or forming some other arrangement. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gardiner puts a dent in morning commute

John Pandell makes a call Monday morning after his car was hit by falling concrete from the Gardiner Expressway. He was heading to work, driving eastbound on Lake Shore Boulevard near Yonge Street around 10:30 a.m., when chunks hit the windshield, roof and trunk of his black two-door Mercedes. He was not injured. Three other chunks of concrete fell off the expressway last month and there have previously been several reports of pieces falling.

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On the web

Fickle Facebook

The folks at Facebook have done it again, annoying users by making changes without advising them. This time, all users' default email addresses have been changed or are about to be changed to an @facebook.com account, an account most people never use. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story and find out how you can fix the change.

Mobile news

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Cab routes to drive you sane

Downtown to uptown

George Adesina Alimi

Company: Beck Taxi

Route: Parliament and King to Yonge and Eglinton
Alimi drives north on Parliament, makes a left on Howard Street, turns north on Sherbourne until Elm Avenue. He heads west on Elm to Mount Pleasant and takes Mount Pleasant north until Eglinton. Finally, he drives west on Eglinton until Yonge.

Bio: Alimi has driven taxis in the GTA for 15 years. Before becoming a driver, he worked at an automotive-parts company in Scarborough. He says he likes to drive cabs because "I love people. I love the idea of meeting new people every day." He hopes to one day be his own boss, and works part-time as a product consultant for Morinda Bio-actives.
ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

West end to city centre

Mohammad Ashraf

Company: Royal Taxi

Route: From Dufferin and Bloor to the Eaton Centre
Ashraf takes Dufferin north to Dupont and heads east until Avenue Road. He follows Avenue south as it turns into University, then he heads east on Dundas until the mall.

Bio: Ashraf has been driving a taxi in Toronto for about a year. Before that, he worked at Molson Canadian driving trucks.
ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

City centre to the Annex

Tsa Wang

Company: Maple Leaf Cabs

Route: The Eaton Centre to Bloor and Bathurst
Wang drives west on Dundas West to University Avenue, drives north on University to Hoskin Avenue, continues on Hoskin as it turns into Harbord Street. Then drives north on Bathurst to Bloor.

Bio: Wang works part-time for Maple Leaf Cabs. When he's not driving a taxi, he works as a Bell TV installer. ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

MAP ILLUSTRATIONS: TRACY AVERY/METRO

Across midtown

Golay Mohammed

Company: Beck Taxi

Route: From Church and Bloor to Dufferin and Bloor.
On a busy traffic day, Mohammed takes Wellesley west past Queen's Park, around Queen's Park Crescent to Hoskins. He follows Hoskins west as it turns into Harbord Street until Ossington, then he heads north to Bloor and drives west on Bloor until Dufferin.

Bio: Mohammed has been driving a cab since about 2008. Before that, he worked in a restaurant. But after the recession, business slowed and he had to change careers.
ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

Next in our series

Wednesday: Cycling

Thursday: Walking

Friday: Living in a car

Traveller's spirit and Scotiabank support help Shanghai native start Canadian journey

As the operator of a Shanghai travel agency, Yuxiang Zhang had a love of travel that he put to the test when he decided to move to Canada. But when he faced worries about this colossal trip, he discovered how Scotiabank's multinational team and services can provide a smooth landing.

Mr. Zhang's personal journey began after he visited Becky, his only daughter, who had migrated to Canada in 1999. Seeing how she was enjoying her life in a friendly, multicultural country he decided to become a family class immigrant.

"I was excited to join my daughter, but I was also unsure about the details, such as how would I move forward without speaking English?" says Mr. Zhang, who also wondered about practical issues such as the process to transfer money to a Canadian bank.

Fortunately, Becky convinced him to attend an immigration seminar in Shanghai, hosted by Scotiabank and The Cross-Cultural Community Services Association, where Bank officials answered every question, ranging from the Canadian job market to government services. He also learned about the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] for Newcomers, which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year[2], a wide range of credit card options[3] and a number of other customized services and benefits.

"Before the workshop, I was very worried, but after I felt relieved, and it gave me the courage to move forward," recounts Mr. Zhang, who arranged for his Canadian and U.S dollar bank accounts with Scotiabank, and applied for a credit card, while still in Shanghai, through the Bank's partnership with China Everbright Bank.

After landing in Toronto in late 2009, Mr. Zhang went alone to the Scotiabank branch at the Steeles and Silverstar location to activate his accounts. Speaking only Mandarin and Russian, he wasn't sure how things would go. Luckily, he was greeted by Isa Ho, Branch Manager, and her multilingual staff. "Surprisingly, it went well, and my accounts and debit card were ready, and my credit card came within a week," marvels Mr. Zhang.

Isa, a Canadian immigrant who speaks both Cantonese and Mandarin, is well-prepared to serve newcomers. She often calls them long distance before they move, to help them prepare. "I tell them about banking options and what are the best schools for their kids," says Isa, a 32-year veteran of Scotiabank, who still remembers first seeing donuts when she arrived. "When they get here, we answer their questions about Canadian customs, and explain about banking in Canada. Also, since many newcomers want to buy a home, we educate them on Canadian mortgages and how to avoid credit mistakes."

Today, Mr. Zhang is enjoying life in Canada, and whenever he has the chance, he speaks to others about the opportunities in Canada and "the friendly, open and trustworthy service I experience at Scotiabank."

That's good news for Isa Ho who teaches her Scotiabank team to, "Welcome every newcomer with a smile, speak their language, and serve them with our hearts."

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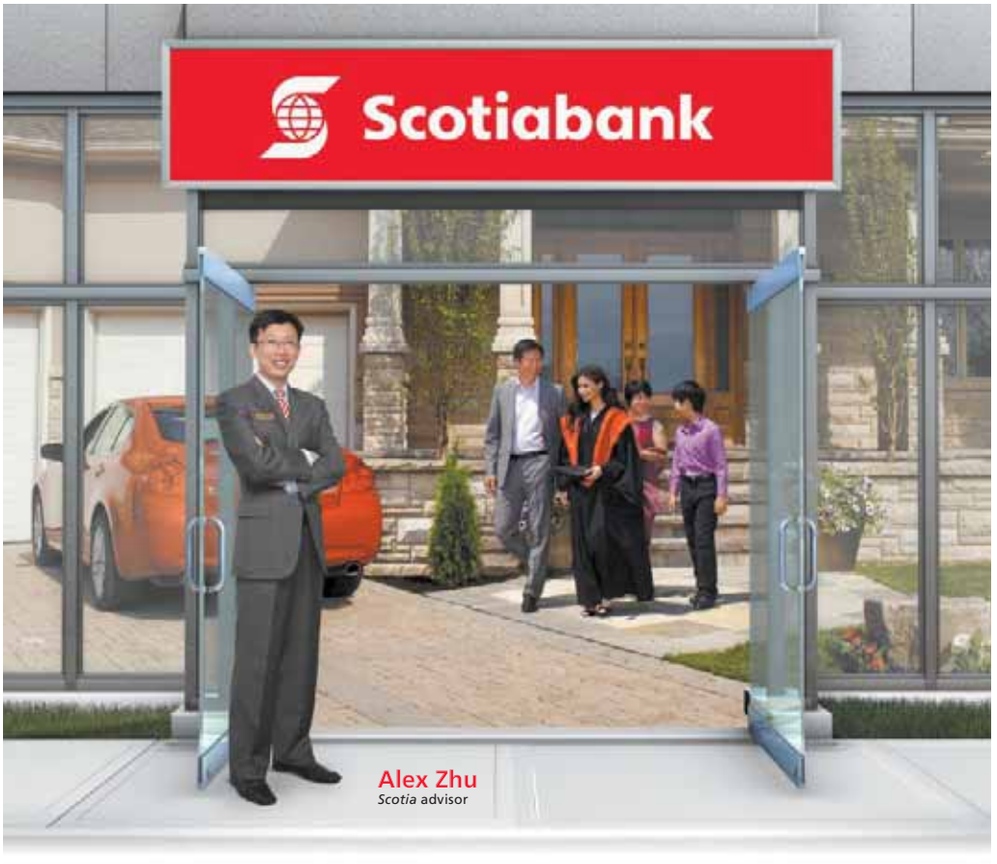

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Big cat. Puma sightings reported

Two rare cougar sightings in the town of Mono, northwest of Toronto, have sparked concern and excitement.

A Mono resident called police on Sunday morning after spotting a cougar walk down Leader Drive in the town, just north of Orangeville.

"The road runs right behind a public school," OPP Const. Paul Nancekivell said. "It's of concern to the town of Mono."

A cougar was also spotted on Saturday on a rural road about 23 kilometres from the school.

The last cougar — also known as a mountain lion or puma — officially recorded by the province was shot and killed in 1884, but 189 possible sightings were reported between 1935 and 1983.

A group of 89 biologists and wildlife technicians affiliated with the Ministry of Natural Resources has documented more than 30 cases of cougar tracks and droppings since 2006, but a single cat has yet to be spotted.

Stuart Kenn, president of the Ontario Puma Foundation, has been tracking the cats since 1974, but has yet to see one in the flesh. "They're shy and elusive animals," he said, adding that 95 per cent of sightings turn out not to be pumas at all, but coyotes, dogs, cats and other creatures. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

G20 activist sues police for $4M

Lawsuit. Julian Ichim claims he was targeted not for his actions but for his Marxist-Leninist politics

A community activist launched a lawsuit against police on Monday, arguing he was targeted before the G20 summit for his political views, not because he advocated violence.

While Julian Ichim is seeking $4 million in general and punitive damages, he said his suit is not about money but accountability.

"What I hope to do, and aim to do, with this lawsuit is first and foremost break the silence and find out what really happened," Ichim said. "This is the avenue open to me to hold the system accountable ... to raise the politics of criminalization of dissent."

Ichim claims he was beaten during his arrest on the weekend of the Toronto G20 summit in June 2010, hours before vandals among the protesters went on a headline-grabbing rampage.

He was charged with conspiring to do property damage and obstruct police, but the charges were dropped six months later.

The suit names Toronto and Ontario provincial police, as well as an undercover officer.

According to his unproven statement of claim, Ichim, 32, says his arrest was the direct result of information from the undercover cop, who began infiltrating activist groups about 18 months before the summit.

The suit alleges the officer urged activists to commit criminal acts, and gave false information about Ichim's activities that led directly to his arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G20 activist Julian Ichim arrives at police headquarters in Toronto before launching a $4-million lawsuit against the Toronto Police Services Board on Monday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Job credentials. Program helps immigrants land work in their fields

Ontario is spending $35 million to give skilled immigrants the training they need to find work in their fields.

The federal government is also kicking in $22 million to fund 70 existing and new projects they say will help more than 11,000 immigrants.

The so-called "bridge training" programs provide occupation-specific training, Canadian work experience and help in getting appropriate licences.

Both levels of government say helping immigrants integrate quickly into the labour market is important for economic growth.

Nada Khairallah, a physiotherapist from Lebanon, choked up as she spoke of how the program helped her deal with the difficulties she faced in trying to get the credentials she needed to work in Canada.

When she arrived in Canada in 2004, she'd had eight years of experience as a physiotherapist working in three languages: Arabic, French and English.

"I tried to find a job in the field related to physiotherapy, but it was very difficult," she said. "As a result, I started to volunteer and by January 2005, I managed to work as a physiotherapy assistant."

Khairallah was dealt another blow when she failed to pass the written component of the physiotherapy national exam. So she enrolled in the bridge training program.

It helped her develop better communications skills and adapt culturally to the Canadian physiotherapy practice, she said. She passed her practical exam a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SNC-Lavalin. Pair accused of corruption

Two former executives with Canadian engineering giant SNC-Lavalin will be back in court next year to face a corruption charge.

Ramesh Shah, 61, of Oakville, and Mohammad Ismail, 48, of Mississauga, are accused of trying to bribe officials in Bangladesh.

The Crown alleges they offered payment to secure contracts for supervision and construction of the Padma Bridge and an elevated expressway in Dhaka.

No money changed hands but the accused are alleged to have violated the Corruption of Foreign Officials Act.

Shah had been a vice-president and Ismail was director of international projects at SNC-Lavalin in Toronto.

The RCMP raided a SNC-Lavalin office in Oakville last September at the request of the World Bank, which is investigating a bridge contract that was never awarded in the South Asian country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Scouts Canada. Authorities weren't informed of alleged sexual misconduct: Review

A forensic review of Scouts Canada's records reveals authorities were not contacted about at least 65 cases of alleged sexual misconduct against a youth.

"We are deeply and truly sorry for any harm that has happened at the hand of volunteers that were in our organization," said Steve Kent, Scouts Canada's volunteer chief commissioner at a press conference Monday.

"We will do everything that we can to prevent such instances from happening in the future and we encourage victims to talk to us."

The accounting firm KPMG conducted a seven-month audit of Scouts' files, many of which were "disorganized" and "incomplete," according to an analysis of 486 identified records provided by Scouts Canada.

The records were related to suspension and termination of volunteers for alleged sexual misconduct against youth from 1947 to 2011.

In addition to the 65 cases, there were 64 cases where it was unclear whether or not authorities were contacted.

During the review process Scouts Canada provided information about those cases to police forces, which are investigating.

In 29 other cases, Scouts Canada had already contacted police. In 328 cases, police were aware of the allegation of sexual abuse before Scouts Canada.

Learning from past mistakes, the organization said it will now "rigorously" implement a new Child and Youth Safety Plan, which includes improved adult screening and training.

"Canadians can take comfort in the fact that we're confronting the past in its entirety now," said Kent.

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

Steve Kent of Scouts Canada
METRO OTTAWA

Search efforts to continue after appeal from public, premier

A local resident reacts as she listens in during a news conference in Elliot Lake, Ont., on Monday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elliot Lake tragedy. Officials initially called off search at mall due to concerns of a second collapse

A member of the Ontario legislature says rescue teams will continue search efforts at a partially collapsed mall in Elliot Lake, Ont., hours after search attempts were called off.

New Democrat Michael Mantha says the search is on again after Premier Dalton McGuinty urged officials to continue the effort.

Mantha says rescue workers are coming up with a plan to allow the rescue of any survivors or the remains of those inside the mall to be removed from the site.

Authorities called off the search earlier Monday after they deemed the mall too dangerous to send rescue crews into.

Hopeful personal vigils gave way to outraged group protests on Monday hours after officials announced they were halting efforts to rescue possible survivors.

Dozens of angry community members gathered outside city hall in the northern Ontario city, expressing their disgust that officials had walked away from a rescue effort they deemed too dangerous.

"Rescue missions never end, save our families, save our friends," chanted the protesters.

Although the sound of tapping, which led rescuers to believe someone was still alive inside the rubble, stopped on Sunday morning, officials say a device called a life detector has indicated there's someone breathing inside. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Staying positive

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Catherine Timleck-Shaw, Elliot Lake, Ont., resident

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Leaving the tinderbox

General defects from Syrian army

A Syrian general was among the latest defectors from the country's military, officials said Monday. Dozens of Syrian soldiers fled overnight to Turkey with family. The general defected in recent days, and there are conflicting reports that a second general may have left. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisia

Jail time over cartoons upheld

A Tunisian court has upheld seven-and-a-half-year sentences on a conviction of posting cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed on Facebook. Jaber Majeri and an associate were each sentenced to jail and fined $800 US. His lawyer said that evidence about his mental status was not allowed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Putin remembers

Russian President Vladimir Putin walks during an inauguration ceremony of a memorial to Red Army veterans of the Second World War in Netanya, Israel, Monday. The West's standoff with Iran will top the agenda in talks on the trip. ALEXEI DRUZHININ/RIA NOVOSTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt. New president Morsi starts crafting his government

New Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi went to work first thing Monday morning and started to form a government.

This was even before he had a clear picture of what he could do after the ruling military stripped most of the major powers from his post.

Morsi, 60, a U.S.-trained engineer from the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood group, is the first civilian president of Egypt.

He defeated Mubarak's last prime minister, Ahmed Shafiq, in a tight race that deeply polarized the nation.

The country breathed a sigh of relief that at least the question of who won the presidential runoff had been resolved on Sunday, after the first free and fair elections in Egypt's modern history.

People returned to work a day after a panic that sent many home early for fear that violence might erupt when the winner was announced.

Traffic was flowing again through Cairo's Tahrir Square, the birthplace of last year's uprising.

The generals recently gave themselves sweeping powers that undercut the new president. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mohammed Morsi
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Tiptoeing into office

The contours are emerging of a backroom deal between the military and the Brotherhood that led to the ruling military council blessing Morsi as president.

- State TV showed footage of Morsi meeting Monday with the ruling military.

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Hundreds may be dead after landslides

Uganda. Villages destroyed and at least 15 houses buried following torrential rain, Red Cross says

Massive landslides induced by torrential rains destroyed three villages in the mountainous district of Bududa in eastern Uganda, killing possibly hundreds of people, officials said Monday.

Disaster Preparedness Minister Stephen Mallinga said it was still too early to say how many had been killed in Monday afternoon's landslides, but officials from Bududa said the final death toll would likely be in the hundreds.

"We are sending a rescue team down there," Mallinga said. "It's very difficult to estimate how many have been killed."

Witnesses said the landslides were unexpected, happening several hours after a torrential overnight downpour that at first seemed to have done little damage.

In this 2010 file photo, people search for survivors after a landslide in eastern Uganda. Massive landslides destroyed villages in the mountainous district of Bududa on Monday. STEPHEN WANDERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Wakikona, a lawmaker from the region, said most people were likely indoors when huge blocks of mud and rocks started to roll down hills, toppling homes, killing livestock and burying people alive.

"We don't yet understand how this all happened, but it's terrible," Wakikona said. "Three villages have been buried."

According to Wakikona, at least 300 people lived in the affected villages. Officials said rescue teams from the Ugandan army would play a lead role in moving the soil as the search for possible survivors begins.

The Uganda Red Cross said that at least 15 houses had been buried in the landslides. It may take time before the full death toll from such disasters is known, as often it requires rescuers working with hoes and shovels to dig through the mud and find bodies trapped underneath.

Landslides are a common occurrence in the hilly parts of eastern Uganda, and they have been especially lethal over the years in those villages where the land is denuded of vegetation cover. In 2010 massive landslides in Bududa killed about 100 people, destroying everything from the village market to a church.

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Walmart Canada ramps up hiring

Expansion. Already one of Canada's largest employers, retail giant plans to hire 3,100 more employees by end of 2013

Walmart Canada is ramping up hiring amid rapid expansion in this country by the U.S.-based retail giant.

Walmart says it will open 47 hiring centres across the country as it adds a total of some 4,000 new employees this year and next, about 500 more than previously announced.

The mass retailer pays "above minimum wage," which varies by province, said Alex Roberton, spokesman for Walmart Canada, adding that employees can also participate in a profit-sharing program.

Roberton said the chain is "looking to hear" from former Zellers employees, whose experience would be taken into consideration.

In addition to the permanent jobs, the various projects are expected to generate some 10,500 construction jobs.

"We are extremely excited to be adding more than 4,000 new associates to our team," said Bob Hakeem, senior vice-president of people at Walmart Canada, using the company's preferred term for employee.

Walmart Canada pharmacies are also in the midst of a significant hiring phase.

Walmart Canada has already hired 900 employees this year, from sales associates to managers in its stores across the country, to field operations and home-office positions.

Already one of Canada's largest employers, it plans to hire an additional 3,100 workers by the end of 2013, raising its overall Canadian payroll to 94,000.

Walmart said more than half of the 73 projects will become supercentres, which offer an array of groceries as well as general merchandise. The retailer opened its first Canadian supercentres in Ontario in 2006 and has since ramped up expansion plans for the large-store concept.

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Facing competition

By the end of 2013, Walmart Canada expects to spend some $750 million to open, relocate or remodel 73 stores.

- Included are most of the 39 former Zellers stores for which Walmart Canada purchased leasehold rights in June 2011.They will reopen as Walmart stores in this fiscal year.
- The expansion comes as competition in the Canadian retail market heats up with the entry of fellow discount retailer Target next year. Target plans to open 125 to 135 stores.

Tech trouble

RIM shares slide after downgrade

Research In Motion shares hit their lowest level since 2003 on Monday as the company was downgraded by investment firm Morgan Stanley, which called the company "essentially broken."

Shares in RIM traded as low as $9.27 on Monday on the Toronto Stock Exchange, its lowest level since 2003 after adjusting for stock splits. The stock closed down 76 cents at $9.36.

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SEXISM IS NO JOKE

SHE SAYS...
Jessica Napier
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Every once in a while, you can count on some male comedian to drag out the hackneyed "girls-aren't-funny" routine to try to gain some attention — or, in Adam Carolla's case, sell a book.

In an interview with the New York Post last week, the comedian complained about his personal struggle (eye roll) with unfunny female colleagues. "They make you hire a certain number of chicks, and they're always the least funny on the writing staff," he whined. "The reason why you know more funny dudes than funny chicks is that dudes are funnier than chicks."

It's pretty pathetic when a 48-year-old man uses words like "dudes" and "chicks" to offer commentary on gender roles in comedy. But I suppose this is the type of enlightened discourse we can expect from the comic genius behind The Man Show, a now-defunct program that featured such classic bro-centric segments as Guess Whose Asscrack and Breast Implant Fashion Show.

In reality

"There are a growing number of female comedians disproving these sexist theories, both in front of the camera and behind the scenes."

If Carolla expects his staff writers to rely on low-brow, homophobic (GLAAD recently lambasted Carolla after he joked that the LGBT acronym should be changed to YUCK), frat-boy humour to get cheap laughs, then I'm not surprised to learn that he hasn't encountered many women who adhere to his idea of funny.

Sadly, while the backlash against Carolla's misogynistic remarks was substantial, he's not alone in his sexist ideas. The late Christopher Hitchens opined a similar argument in his infamous 2007 Vanity Fair essay titled Why Women Aren't Funny.

In the piece, Hitchens suggested that men are obliged to be funny in order to attract members of the opposite sex. "Women have no corresponding need to appeal to men in this way," he wrote. "They already appeal to men, if you catch my drift." Presumably, Hitchens' drift is that men are only attracted to women in a superficial (read: libido-driven) way. Underlying this belief is the dangerously chauvinist assumption that women are to be looked at, not heard from.

Thankfully, there are a growing number of female comedians disproving these sexist theories, both in front of the camera and behind the scenes. Kristen Wiig, Lena Dunham, Mindy Kaling, Wanda Sykes, Tina Fey, Betty White — the list of women who are funnier (not to mention more successful) than Adam Carolla is endless. These women produce and star in their own films and TV shows, they win awards, and they narrate audiobooks that will make you laugh aloud like a lunatic on the bus during your morning commute.

As for Adam Carolla, this washed-up man-child should go back to hosting his wildly successful podcast that you've probably never heard of.

Adam Carolla debuted his second book, Not Taco Bell Material, on June 12. It's a memoir of the comedian's life from the early years up to the present day. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

New Yorkers beam at WTC site

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9-11 memorial site

Beam completes steel skeleton

A construction worker signs the last steel beam before it is hoisted 300 metres to the top of 4 World Trade Center on Monday in New York City.

The trapezoidal glass and steel office building, which is designed as an architectural backdrop to the September 11 Memorial, is scheduled to open in 2013.

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Construction worker Frank Gasior gazes as the last steel beam is hoisted to the top of 4 World Trade Center. GETTY IMAGES

Then and now

"Ten years later, it's pretty remarkable. This is a very proud moment. It's full circle."

Sally Rexach, a nurse who aids workers at the site as she did during the rescue and recovery work following Sept. 11. She said she had tears streaming down her face while the beam was lifted into the sky.

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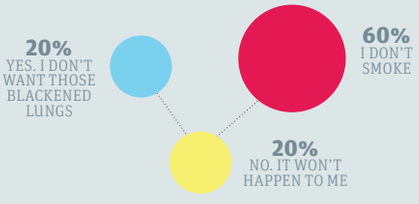

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Magic Mike opens in theatres on Friday. HANDOUT

Alex Pettyfer bares all

Magic Mike. Actor talks about psyching himself up for semi-nude dancing

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Metro World News in Hollywood

While audiences are already familiar with Alex Pettyfer after a busy 2011 — with I am Number Four, Beastly and In Time — they are about to see a lot more of him, to put it lightly, with the release of Magic Mike. Pettyfer stars as a newcomer to the world of male stripping taken under the wing of the titular Mike (Channing Tatum, who is also the inspiration for Pettyfer's character). Stripping may seem like a daunting gig, but it turns out baring all didn't bother him as much as learning to dance.

How awkward have interviews for this film been?

I guess you kind of like dive into the fact that when you do a male stripper movie, they're going to ask you interesting questions. So you have to take everything and bite the bullet. Yes, I think the most frequently asked question is biggest wardrobe malfunction. And I think the biggest wardrobe malfunction that you have is that when you wear a thong and you have screaming girls, it can accidentally fly off. Thank God that didn't happen to me. It was during Matthew (McConaughey's) dance. It was kind of very funny.

Once you've signed up for a role like this, clearly you know what you're in for. But how do you mentally psych yourself up for it?

It's a very scary thought, one, to dance, as I've never danced before, and two — the fact that you're going to dance practically naked, you kind just wrap your head around the fact that you've got to dive into it fully. And the fact that all the other guys are in the same boat as us, doing the same thing and — apart from Channing — not having the experience beforehand, and having the experiences firsthand on the set was also very calming. I had to learn how to dance, because I can't dance. At all. To save my life. (laughs). But at the end of the day, you don't want to go to a male strip club and we're all perfect, classic dancers. What's great about the movie is that it's fun and mistakes are forgiven. It's an amazing thing to watch the flaws of a stripper because more comedy and more grime equals more reaction.

You're not playing Channing Tatum per se, but he is the basis for your character. Having him there must be...

A little awkward (laughs). It's a little awkward, yeah, because obviously he's a phenomenal dancer, for one, and you can't compete with that. And he's lived this life. But it actually really helped me, personally, because the awkwardness and vulnerability of not having experienced what goes on in this world was actually what my character had to experience, so it actually really helped.

You also had some very enthusiastic extras on set for the dance numbers.

They were phenomenal. I wouldn't really call them actresses because I think they were very, very glad to be there. On most film sets with background, you have to be like, "Give more!" And with these guys, for 12 hours straight they were screaming.

Showgirls

What about that other stripper movie?

"A friend asked me if this is the male Showgirls — which it really isn't. I almost had a heart attack there. Like, are we Showgirls? Oh, f—!," says Pettyfer.

But will people draw that connection anyway, because it's a movie about stripping? Pettyfer doesn't think so. "You follow the characters through a journey," he says.

"It just happens to be in the world of male stripping."

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Billy Ray heads to Broadway

Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus is making his Broadway debut in Chicago. The singer of Achy Breaky Heart and father of Miley Cyrus is detouring from his Nashville roots in taking on the role of criminal lawyer Billy Flynn for a seven-week engagement beginning Nov. 5. Cyrus starred with his daughter in the hit TV series Hannah Montana, and has acted in TV movies on Lifetime and the Hallmark Channel. Cyrus has also hosted country music's Nashville Star and was a competitor on Dancing With The Stars. Other celebrities to join the Chicago cast have included Sofia Vergara, Melanie Griffith, Brooke Shields, Ashlee Simpson, Usher, Huey Lewis, Michael C. Hall and Jerry Springer.

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DVD reviews

The Artist

Director. Michel Hazanavicius

Stars. Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, John Goodman

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Passion is not normally experienced through the rear-view mirror, as regret and nostalgia are.

And yet here's The Artist, the most unlikely Best Picture winner at the Oscars in recent memory: a black-and-white, silent and exceedingly square homage to old Hollywood that is as passionate as new love.

You can call it a gimmick, as some did when The Artist premiered in competition last May at Cannes, winning star Jean Dujardin the festival's Best Actor award, a win he'd repeat at the Oscars.

But you can't fault it as smart entertainment, which eschews parody to make a sincere tribute that also serves as cogent current commentary. In our increasingly wired world, who doesn't yearn for the supposed simplicity of the unplugged past?

Michel Hazanavicius' comic melodrama, co-starring Bérénice Bejo and a scene-stealing Jack Russell terrier called Uggie, is set in the Hollywood of the late 1920s and early 1930s, when silent film is being replaced by "the Talkies."

The Artist isn't a conventional romance. But it's a passion project all the way, made by people with their heads in the present but their hearts in the past. Feel free to swoon along with them.

PETER HOWELL

Wrath of the Titans

Director. Jonathan Liebesman

Stars. Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Rosamund Pike

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After 2010's Clash of the Titans, a botched remake of the cheesy 1980s swords-and-sandals epic of the same name, there was nowhere to go but up for the next Titans flick.

Wrath of the Titans, directed by Jonathan Liebesman (Battle Los Angeles), heads modestly and noisily in that direction.

Wrath has much beefier 3D and also a bulkier Sam Worthington, returning as split-personality hero Perseus. Half god and half human, he's like a Chippendales dancer without the smile.

Wrath also has stronger characters and a modestly more interesting plot: a trip by Perseus to hell and back to rescue his bearded pappy, Zeus (Liam Neeson), a full-blooded god who has fallen on hard times. Ralph Fiennes is on board as Zeus's nasty brother Hades, who stirs up mayhem by kidnapping his sibling. At this rate of improvement, the Titan series may approach adequacy in about five years or so. Right now, though, comparing Wrath to Clash is like examining two mangy mutts.

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For the Love of God honoured at film fest

Shanghai International Film Festival. Canadian flick about a girl who falls for a priest chosen for jury award

For the Love of God is directed by Micheline Lanctot. HANDOUT

A Canadian film about a young girl's crush has won a prize at the Shanghai International Film Festival.

For the Love of God earned a jury award after being the only Canadian film in the running.

The francophone movie, directed by Micheline Lanctot, centres on a lonely 12-year-old Quebec girl who becomes infatuated with a priest in 1959.

The Iranian drama Bear won the Golden Goblet Award for best film.

The jury was chaired by French director Jean-Jacques Annaud (Seven Years in Tibet, Enemy at the Gates).

The Shanghai International Film Festival wrapped Sunday. It is seen as an essential gateway to the Asian market.

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Film fest details

- The Shanghai International Film Festival is in its 15th year.
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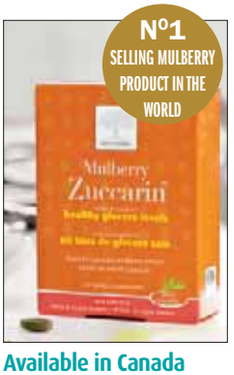

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Series a 'distorted' view of Hutterites?

Controversy. Author asks for apology from National Geographic over culture's depiction

A Hutterite woman picks carrots at the King Colony in Montana. HANDOUT

A Saskatchewan author is condemning the National Geographic Channel for a TV documentary series they broadcast depicting the Hutterite culture from a sect in Montana.

"The program was intended or promised to be a factual, accurate documentary, and this of course is nothing like it," said Mary-Ann Kirkby, author of I Am Hutterite.

Kirkby spent the first 10 years of her life growing up in the Fairholme Hutterite Colony near Portage la Prairie, Man. Her book focuses on her own personal experience.

"We are all deeply upset about this show," she said of the 10-part series American Colony: Meet the Hutterites.

Bishops from three Hutterite sects, John Stahl, Peter Entz and John Waldner, who represent around 50,000 followers and 500 colonies in North America, have also complained about the show and are demanding an apology from the network.

"What was promised by the producers to be a 'factual documentary' is in fact a distorted and exploitative version of Hutterite life that paints all 50,000 Hutterites in North America in a negative and inaccurate way," Stahl said in a news release.

"Scenes and dialogue were contrived resulting in a 'make-believe' depiction of how we live and the spiritual beliefs we cherish."

Kirkby said she has spoken with the bishops and they want action.

"What I understand is (the bishops) would love to have it pulled from the airwaves, but they are asking that in fact the National Geographic Society admit publicly that this is not an accurate portrayal of the King Ranch Hutterite colony or Hutterites anywhere and that it is, in fact, a reality show that was staged at the King Ranch colony," Kirkby said.

She said that situations which happened on the ranch would not be tolerated in any sect, adding she was told by people on King Ranch that producers of the show had extras dress up in Hutterite attire to make it look like there were more people.

Kirkby alleges some storylines were fabricated, including an episode where teens from the colony visited Canada for a wedding.

Although the executive producer of the series, Jeff Collins, could not be reached for comment, a statement was issued on behalf of the network.

"National Geographic Channel fully believes in our new series American Colony: Meet the Hutterites," it read.

"An incredible group of individuals who have been fully supportive of the show since its inception, the King Colony was gracious enough to let National Geographic Channel cameras into their homes to provide perspective into who they are as individuals and a community, and we have nothing but the utmost respect for their way of life."

The statement said the producing partners at Collins Avenue worked closely with the leaders on King Ranch colony and have portrayed their daily lives in an authentic and accurate manner.

"As a result, the show is a truthful representation of the struggle between the younger generation and the colony leaders.

"In fact, the letter from the Bishops is a perfect example of how this struggle plays out in their community, which is not scripted in any way, and we are honoured that they have chosen us as an avenue to share their stories."

The release stated the Hutterites of the King Ranch colony are excited at the opportunity to allow the outside world get a glimpse at their lifestyle.

Kirkby said their culture is like many others — imperfect and there are small cases of unacceptable behaviour, but not on the scale the series is portraying.

"We are not Utopia. We, like every society, face many challenges," she said.

"But besides that, it is so unfair to depict our culture in this way. We have been maligned and misunderstood for so many years."

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Mary-Ann Kirkby
Author of I Am Hutterite

Trebek has a heart attack

Alex Trebek

Longtime Jeopardy host Alex Trebek suffered a mild heart attack over the weekend, but is expected to recover, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Trebek, who has hosted the game show for 28 years, "is in good spirits and is currently under observation and undergoing further testing," a rep says. "He is expected to fully recover and be back at Jeopardy when production begins taping in July for the new season."

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

Robert and Kristen were 'all over each other'

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart turned heads at the star-studded wedding of Hollywood producer Kevin Turen and Evelina Oboza in New Jersey over the weekend, according to Us Weekly, partying with guests until 7 a.m. and engaging in some fairly public displays of affection.

"Rob and Kristen were all over each other," a source says. Pattinson also got a chance to let loose with Andrew Garfield and Zac Efron during the reception: "There was a little area where you could go and play music," the source explains.

"Rob sang, Andrew played the bongos, Zac played the guitar. It was a whole spectacle."

Amy Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil

Did Winehouse want a baby with her ex?

Amy Winehouse was reportedly desperate to have a child with ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil — even after the pair split up — Blake's mother, Georgette Fielder-Civil, told a British newspaper.

Georgette says that before her son went away for his latest prison term, he showed her letters from Winehouse post-divorce that clearly indicate their romance was far from over.

"In one letter, Amy wrote that Blake was definitely getting her pregnant within two months. She talked about conceiving the baby — which they would call Lucky — on Valentine's Day," Georgette says. "Even after their divorce Amy told Blake she'd love him forever. They carried on talking to each other until a few months before she died."

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Anthony Bourdain: Off with their heads

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Somewhere between continent-hopping and mysterious cauldrons of soup, chef and No Reservations host Anthony Bourdain found the time to pen a graphic novel.

Part kitchen revenge fantasy, part kung-fu foodie fun, Get Jiro! includes a scene in which a man is decapitated for ordering a blasphemous California roll.

"There are people who work 60 years trying to get the same 20 to 25 pieces of classic sushi perfect, but they know they will never reach that point. That kind of drive for perfection deserves respect," Bourdain told us when we caught up with him this week in New York City.

"So when you see somebody go into a regular sushi bar and treat it like it's crap or just another meal, well, I fantasized about seeing somebody lose their head!"

We wonder what the recommended punishment would be for a sriracha sprinkle. Not that we'd ever do that. We're just wondering — for our savage friends, whose heads aren't ours.

Courtney Love is just being Courtney Love

One of Courtney Love's less destructive habits is throwing around lawsuits — in 2009, the rocker put her legal team on 14 cases in 10 months. But apparently, she forgot to pay for their many services. The rocker is being sued by her former lawyers for almost half a million in legal bills, reports TMZ.

Although she sent flowers and thank-you gifts, the suit alleges that the rare cheques bounced, and that Love used her funds to pay for a gaggle of personal assistants.

There's something refreshingly 'Courtney Love' about getting sued by your lawyer. Never change, Court.

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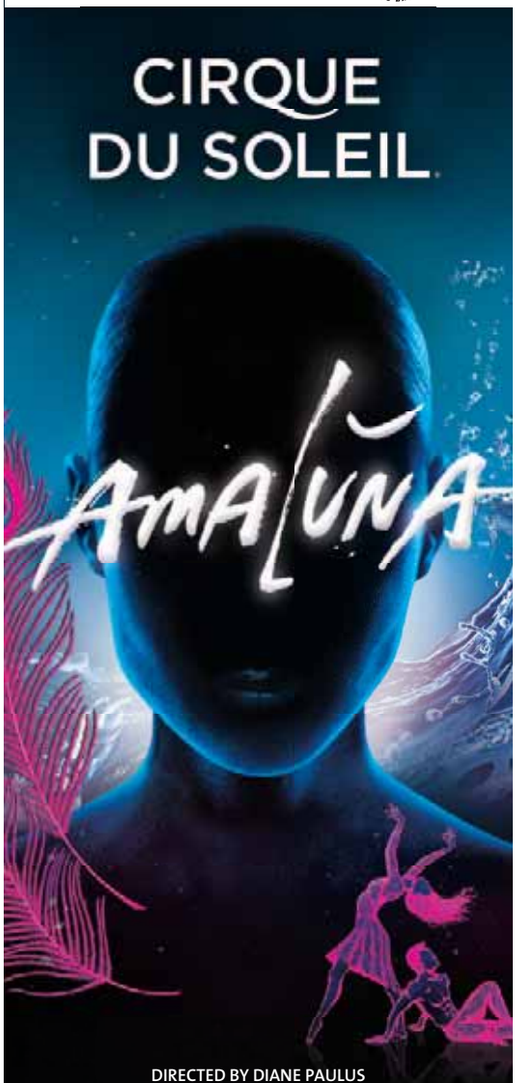

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Health minute

Why go meatless?

Why should people aim to reduce their consumption of red meat? Metro asked Meatless Monday founder, Sid Lerner, for a few reasons: "Animal fat is the villain. Red meat is high in cholesterol and saturated fat and knocking it off the menu is good for your health. Eating it in excessive amounts (a portion larger than the size of a deck of cards, more than three times week) could eventually trigger a heart disease and or, diabetes. Eating mass amounts of red meat messes up the environment. Reducing global consumption will lighten up our carbon footprint. Cutting out meat from your meals one day a week is no big deal. We even managed to get celebrity chef, Mario Batali — who is a massive pork fan — to back the campaign. With enough willpower, anyone can do it."
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On the Web

The Lifesaving Society is hoping to prevent drownings among teens by strengthening their swimming skills before they hit high school

Go meatless this summer

Food for thought. The Meatless Monday campaign is fighting to reduce global meat consumption by urging carnivores to go veggie one day a week. In the Meat Free Monday Cookbook veteran vegetarian, Beatles singer Paul McCartney, shares his favourite recipes. Here's one:

ROMINA McGUINNESS
Metro World News

It's no secret that a diet high in processed red meat can dramatically increase the risk of death from heart disease or cancer. But with the summer barbecue season in full swing, we've been gorging on burgers most weekends. Will cheese and beans ever rival the real deal? Probably not. But it's time to tackle the scary truth, one steak at a time.

This is a fantastic salad. Here it's served with tofu, but you could just as easily serve it with veggie burgers or vegetarian sausages, as well as fries and mashed potatoes.

Paul McCartney's Super Vegetable Salad

If you're looking for something other than a steak, this is the dish for you. CONTRIBUTED

1 Preheat the oven to 400°F and roast the cherry tomatoes for 10 minutes.

2 Cover the bottom of a pan with cold water and place a steamer above it. Put the broccoli, green beans, and carrots in the steamer, turn the heat on quite high, and steam for about 15 minutes, occasionally prodding the carrots with a fork to see if they are done. Some people like them slightly crunchy, others prefer them a little softer.

3 While the vegetables are steaming, make a salad with the leaves and scallions.

4 Combine the cornmeal and herbs in a bowl. Heat some olive oil in a frying pan. Dip the tofu in the cornmeal mixture and then fry until golden.

5 Whisk together the ingredients for the dressing, but only pour over at the last minute.

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 28 cherry tomatoes
- 3 florets of broccoli
- 12 green beans, cut into 1 inch lengths
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced into 1 inch pieces
- 1 lettuce — I like Romaine
- 3 scallions, finely chopped
- 2/3 cup cornmeal
- a handful of chopped herbs of your choice
- 9 ounces tofu, cut into slices
- olive oil for frying

For the dressing

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard (optional)
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup (if you like a bit of sweetness)

Best Health

Five foods to help your skin

BEST HEALTH MINUTE
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Best Health Magazine

Yes, you still need to wear sunscreen and a hat. But protecting your skin from the sun can also be delicious.

Each issue of Best Health magazine is full of often-surprising information about nutrition for Canadians.

In the Summer issue, on newsstands now, nutritionist Allison Tannis offers a list of five foods that provide the best sun-damage protection.

1. Tart cherries.
They are packed with melatonin, protecting your skin against UV rays and helping to repair sunburned skin by stimulating new skin-cell growth. And cherries' vitamin C builds collagen, helping prevent wrinkles.

2. Crimini mushrooms.
Because these are loaded with the mineral selenium, which produces antioxidants in your body, they fight free radicals that form in your skin after sun exposure.

3. Green tea.
This contains an antioxidant that helps ward off inflammation of the skin and neutralize free radicals.

4. Pomegranates.
Their high antioxidant content fights inflammation, and reduces the ability of UVB rays to cause cancer-promoting damage in skin cells.

5. Fatty fish.
Salmon, for example, is loaded with selenium and protein, both needed for skin repair. Eating fish will also keep your skin hydrated and radiant.

The Summer issue of Best Health is on newsstands now.

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Pesticides still affecting our daily development

Chemicals. Despite recent moves to remove them from our food system, they can still be found

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Pesticides still lurk. Your city may have banned these pest-killing chemicals, but they continue to quietly cause illness in society.

The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) recently conducted a review of 142 studies on pesticides, and found their use is associated with disorders of breathing, brain development and reproduction.

"The bans are a great step in the right direction," says Dr. Kate Bassil, an epidemiologist at Mount Sinai Hospital, "but there is still an opportunity to decrease exposure."

Pesticides are still used in many ways: to kill bugs on house plants, in farming, in flea and tick products, and on lawns, explains Bassil, an assistant professor at the University of Toronto and an author of the review.

"The message from our report is, look at opportunities wherever possible to decrease exposure."

When a pregnant woman is being exposed to pesticides it can have negative effects on her developing baby — leading to low birth weight or abnormal reactions to stimuli.

"In the uterus, while the baby is developing, pesticides can cross the blood-brain barrier and impact the developing brain," says Bassil.

The review also suggests that ADHD is more common in children who had higher levels of pesticide exposure during their mother's pregnancy.

Farm employees show an increased risk of asthma from working near pesticides 2,4-D and glyphosate.

"One simple message that often comes up is about the fruits and vegetables we eat," says Bassil.

"Where possible, choose organic, but that is not always affordable, so wash your fruits and vegetables thoroughly."

The OCFP suggests that if you are exposed to pesticides in an agricultural setting, use personal protection equipment and change your clothes after work.

Pesticides are still prevalent in our society's foods. ISTOCK

Watch out

"The message from our report is, look at opportunities wherever possible to decrease exposure."

Dr. Kate Bassil
An epidemiologist at Mount Sinai Hospital

Thoughts on...

The moment

The moment we open our eyes in the morning and come into consciousness is a precious opportunity. At this moment, our ability to create the day is at its most powerful, and we can offer ourselves fully to the creative process by filling this moment with whatever inspires us most. It may be that we want to be more generous, or it may be that we want to be more open to beauty in our daily lives. **NATASHA DERN IS THE HOST OF THE BUDDHA LOUNGE**

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Good lunch columns go to foodie heaven

Sushi at Sushi Marché. STEPHANIE DICKISON

LUNCH RUSH
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People are naturally fascinated by someone who eats for a living, so I'm most often asked, "What's your favourite restaurant?"

It's impossible to answer, because, of course, I can't have just one.

That's like asking which child or painting is your favourite.

The best thing about Toronto is that not only can you get a fantastic lunch anywhere from $5 to $25, you can indulge in your cravings and moods. Feel like Indian? Done. Want something extremely healthy? Check.

There are some clear standouts, of course. Chiado for seafood, sushi crafted by Chef John Lee of Sushi Marché and Mambo Lounge's Cuban fare.

But what I love most is the discovery. Being surprised — and often delighted — on a weekly basis says a lot about the talent and creativity of our restaurants and the folks who run them.

Although this is the last Lunch Rush column, we've got more than 10,000 restaurants in Toronto so, try somewhere new this week.

Honeycomb and Brie English Muffin Pizzas. One of the best combos

Honeycomb is totally worth seeking out. Kids love it. It looks cool. It tastes great. And you get to amaze the little ones with facts such as the distance a bee would fly to produce just one pound of honey (three times around the Earth).

But after you're done dazzling your kids with honey trivia, why bother with honeycomb when you could just squirt the liquid stuff from a plastic bear?

The answer is part textural, part versatility. Let's start with the latter.

Honeycomb can go places honey can't. While drizzling honey over a salad seems odd, topping a salad with crumbled goat cheese and hunks of honeycomb is a simply heavenly way to eat more vegetables.

Honeycomb also has a completely different texture than liquid honey. It's not like chewing on a candle. Rather, the wax gives the honey a pleasant body, transforming it from something merely absorbed by the other ingredients into something that stands on its own to contrast and enliven the rest of the dish.

If you have a choice at the market, opt for darker colored honeycomb, which tend to have deeper flavours.

1. Heat the oven to broil.

2. In a medium skillet over a medium-high temperature, heat the olive oil. Add the onion, garlic and thyme, then sauté for 5 minutes, or until the onion starts to get tender. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

3. Split each English muffin in half and arrange cut side up on a baking sheet. Set under the broiler just long enough to lightly toast, about 1 minute.

4. Top each muffin half with brie, then spoon a bit of the onion mixture over each. Place under the broiler for another minute. Transfer the halves to serving plates, then top each with a spoonful of honeycomb. Serve immediately.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 4 large whole-wheat English muffins
- 6 ounces brie, thinly sliced
- Honeycomb

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Eleanore Wells: Spinster and loving it

Lessons. Author hopes to show women that husbands and children aren't for everyone

"I love having a boyfriend. I love having him go home," says Eleanore Wells, the vivacious author of The Spinsterlicious Life: 20 Life Lessons for Living Happily Single & Childfree.

Wells has not had what many consider the traditional life. By middle age, she is unmarried and child-free. And she's sick of people pitying her for it.

"I don't think husbands and kids are for everybody," she says. "I think they're really good things to have, but lots of women, either by choice or by circumstance, are not going to have that. My belief is that you owe yourself a good life, no matter what your circumstance is. ... I'm living proof, because I have a fantastic life."

Having been a source of inspiration to her other single friends, Wells decided to outline, in her book, all of the benefits of singledom. Her points are not aimed at rejecting coupling, but at leading a full life while alone, which can also lead to being not so single anymore.

Eleanore Wells. HANDOUT

"You can certainly figure out a way to celebrate all the other good things that are going on in your life," says Wells.

"And happy people often attract other people."

The 'Spin'

Pearls of Wells' wisdom:

• If your ex was a jerk the first time around, he'll still be a jerk next time around: "If (your reason for breaking up the first time was) personality — or behavior-related — he was a jerk, he wasn't nice, if he was mean, if he cheated — you know those are four things that kind of say something about the person. Don't go there."

• You can't force chemistry: "I think you kind of know relatively quickly whether you are drawn to someone. ... I don't think you can fake that. I don't think you can force it. So, there was a time when I would meet, you know, what we would call your 'standard nice guy,' and I'd feel nothing and I'd say, 'Oh, but he's so great, he's a good person! I should be attracted to him. I should want to date him.' It doesn't work."

• Babies aren't for everybody: "There's almost nothing else you can do in life that you can't take back or change in any way. Having a kid is (one of those things). You have to be 100 per cent all the way in, and so if there's doubt there, I think you should wait until there is no doubt.

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How to socialize your boyfriend and not be annoying

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Dear Charles,
I have to admit that the man I chose to be my boyfriend has some traits that I would prefer he did not possess. OK, I admit it: I think he has bad manners. For example, he has a habit of forgetting to ask for his water without ice at restaurants. At the end of the meal, he wants to drink water without ice, so he scoops ice out with a fork or a spoon and puts it in his empty plate. Then he drinks the water. Sometimes I try not to let it bother me, especially when we're in a really casual restaurant. However the other night he did it in a small, fancier restaurant, and I could see people looking at him. How do I socialize my boyfriend without being an annoying girlfriend who is overtly trying to socialize her boyfriend? I've tried to model ordering water without ice (even though I prefer ice) but he doesn't get the hint. Rolling my eyes and being annoyed when he does stuff like that is more effective at getting him to stop, but I don't like acting like that.
Stressed Girlfriend

Dear Stressed Girlfriend,

I'm a firm believer you must deal with this issue head on and sooner rather than later, so how do we do this?

Firstly, not in public, nor in front of a waiter, pick a private place when it is just the two of you. Once alone, I think I would just come right out and say, "You know John, I've noticed that when you pick the ice out of your glass, people at the tables around us are staring at you, and it is making me uncomfortable. Would you please do me a favour and when you order water, can you please order it without ice?"

The reason I like this method is because it tells him about others who have observed his behaviour and as his girlfriend, how this makes you uncomfortable.

Please let us know how it goes! Fingers crossed!

Take the hint, honey! ISTOCK

Pay down your mortgage.

In the dark: Don't miss a mortgage payment because the Internet is down. CONTRIBUTED

Does the Net handle all your finances?

Plugged in. Trying to pay a bill or cancel a card can be a total nightmare when the Internet is down — have a back-up plan

YOUR MONEY
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We're all pretty much tech addicts these days and nowhere is this dependency more evident than in our Internet love affair. But everyone must have a fall back plan if you lose your connection, especially for financial data. I know of what I write.

This week I lost my service for a couple of hours and it pretty much brought my work to a standstill. I couldn't access e-mail, let alone pay bills or check my calendar. I also had to contact my bank regarding a transaction. But have you ever tried to contact a specific person at a branch when you can't even locate a current phone book?

When the Internet abandons you the biggest concern is accessing your financial life. Delays could mean interest charges or other penalties.

One reader missed making his RRSP contribution when he lost service the night of the deadline. That cost him thousands in tax.

Here are four important steps you should take to protect your finances from cyber interruption.

1. **Save.** With programs such as Yahoo or Gmail, which are not resident in your computer, save important e-mails to your hard disk. Search the respective help programs for instructions. But I find it is even quicker to cut and paste e-bills or other important financial e-mails and save them in Word.

The advantage here is that you can make notes about when a bill is paid or add information about changing a cell or cable package, for example, with the relevant confirmation number. Assuming you back up your computer the information is easily accessible, Net or no Net.

2. **Contacts.** Print your contact list and make sure you have contact numbers for every bill you pay as well as for your bank and brokerage. Store it somewhere safe.

3. **Inventory.** Have a hard copy of all banking information including account numbers, passwords and security questions. I abbreviate the latter two for safety. For extra protection store it in a safety deposit box but be aware that if the bank isn't open you're stuck.

4. **Calendar.** Maintain a simple hard copy calendar or one resident on your computer noting when all bills are due. It will be a lifesaver if the Internet goes dark.

Alison's money rule

"Love the Net but be sure to have a financial back-up plan for when it fails."

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On the cheap

Ten ways to save money moving

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I spent this past weekend moving out of my suburban house and into my new downtown condo. Though I knew it would be expensive, I underestimated the timing of my total costs.

My VISA card hasn't seen this much action in one weekend since the time it was stolen four years ago.

Here are ten easy ways to save big when moving.

1. In advance of your move, prepare a budget. A budget is a tool to help you plan for your total moving expenses so you can avoid unnecessary debt once the bills start rolling in. Include costs such as truck rental, mileage, movers, soft costs and more.

2. **Plan for soft costs which fall outside of your expected moving expenses such as utility, cable, Internet and phone hook-ups.** Closing costs for a house such as legal fees and taxes can add up to thousands. Don't get caught off-guard by soft costs! Ask your realtor or lawyer what to expect.

3. Downsize before you move so there will be less to transport. I sold 80 per cent of my furniture prior to moving through Kijiji. I also donated boxes of clothes, coats, boots, games and other household goods to a local charity. Use websites such as Craigslist, Kijiji, eBay and others to off-load your goods.

4. Rather than paying a moving company to pack up, transport, and unpack your house, do it yourself. If you're moving locally, bribe your friends to help with pizza, beer, begging and a big "thank you". Borrow a pick-up truck, and cart your things over by the truckload.

If you've got a long haul to your new place, rent a truck through a company like U-Haul. Alternatively, it can be more affordable to ship your stuff using a pod rather than a moving truck.

5. If you need to hire movers, get multiple quotes, which will help you negotiate for the best rate. Work alongside with movers, so that you can reduce the time it takes and total billable hours. Save big by moving in the off season or mid-week rather than on the weekend.

6. Negotiate everything. Moving company's fees, truck rates, and much more are negotiable. Ask for a discount, present a competitive offer and if the manager doesn't want to cut you a deal, take your business elsewhere.

7. Clean up yourself. Unlike my new condo, which was a pigsty when I took possession, most new homes are supposed to be clean. Don't hire a cleaner. Grab your rubber gloves and start scrubbing.

8. Save on packing supplies. Borrow boxes from friends, or ask your local grocery store for free ones. Dollar stores sell inexpensive packing tape and markets. Use your clothes, towels and sheets to wrap delicate items rather than buying bubble wrap.

9. Deduct qualified moving expenses from your taxes. Check with your accountant whether your expenses are deductible and keep all of your moving receipts.

10. If you're moving for work, ask your employer to pay for it.

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I love my laptop, and will accept no replacements. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sorry dear, but the computer is coming to work with me

Take back technology. Bring-your-own-device to work movement growing in gadgets

Employees not only want to use their preferred smartphone on the job, they are starting to use their computer of choice, a trend called bring-your-own-device to work, which often favours Apple devices.

Company-issued PCs and mobile phones are being challenged by some employees who argue they work more efficiently on their own devices, say experts.

"It has moved from smartphones to laptops," said Stephen Midgley of Absolute Software, a Vancouver company that has software to securely manage smartphones, laptops and tablets with different operating systems used in workplaces.

"Smartphones have driven it because consumers wanted to use their iPhones," Midgley said.

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion (TSX:RIM) has been hit by the trend in the workplace, where it has traditionally dominated.

American drilling giant Halliburton has said it's phasing out remaining BlackBerrys among its 70,000 employees. The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has begun issuing iPhones. Some Canadian law firms and investment companies are allowing iPhones to be used.

"It's a global trend being led by the United States and quickly followed by Canada and also Europe," said Midgley, whose employer has 35,000 customers.

The reality is that employees can dictate terms to their company's information technology departments and in turn cause security worries, said Midgley, vice-president of global marketing at Absolute Software (TSX:ABT).

"While we may have a more efficient workforce, who gets distracted with apps, we open ourselves up to more risk when it comes to things like data breaches." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IT inclusion

IT departments will have to adjust to the BYOD trend, technology analyst Duncan Stewart said.

- "The IT environment of the future will have to support multiple devices from multiple manufacturers running multiple operating systems. What the percentage is and who pays for it and how you administer it, those are all details."

What not to do, when you're expecting a job

Resumé wrongs. While experts may disagree about certain details, nearly everyone can agree on a few key rules

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

"Creative, organizational and effective." Those aren't the words used to describe the employee of the year, they're 2011's top three overused buzzwords, according to LinkedIn. Nicole Williams, LinkedIn's connection director, recommends removing these from your resumé immediately.

We could provide a list of words to never use on your resumé, but it would be inexact.

As soon as one career expert declares a word inadequate, another expert comes along to disagree. But a few rules are steadfast.

Quoted

"A resumé ... is a historical summary of your skills and experience. Never use the word 'I.'"
Lynne Sarikas, director of Northeastern University MBA career centre.

Don't be vague

Steve Langerud, director of professional opportunities at DePauw University, suggests showing rather than telling. "The goal is to be clear, focused and behavioural in your language," he says. "The reader should be able to see you working in the way you actually worked. Interpret what that work might look like from their past experience."

Nix the mission statement

"Employers are looking for someone to do what they want —- they don't necessarily care what you want," says Yahoo! Shine senior editor Lylah Alphonse. "Use the extra space to list some of your real accomplishments and activities," she adds. Just make sure, Alphonse points out, that the accomplishments are relevant to the position for which you're applying.

Itemize your accomplishments

Words that you do want to use on your resumé are ones that paint a picture of your career achievements. Be specific. "Where possible, quantify results," says Sarikas. Include the exact percentage of improved sales or productivity level while at your previous job. Give employers something they understand and your resumé won't get lost in a sea of white papers.

Avoid first person

It's a difficult challenge, but Lynne Sarikas, director of Northeastern University's MBA Career Center, believes that you should describe the facts about your work experience, not write a story.

Don't let yours be just another paper in the pile. NGUYEN VU HUNG / FLICKR

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Young Canadians should be aware that acquiring a credit card and using it responsibly is the quickest way to establish a positive credit rating, an absolute necessity for when they apply for a car loan or mortgage. Maintaining a strong credit rating by paying your credit card bills on time will help secure the lowest possible interest rate when you do apply for a mortgage or loan.

Credit cards often get a bad rap as debt magnets. On average, however, they account for less than five per cent of total household debt. Since more than 64 per cent of us pay our credit card balance in full each month, most of us pay an effective interest rate of zero. A credit card provides a convenient and secure way to shop, budget and manage your finances.

With the growing popularity of online shopping, credit cards have become even more essential; they can also help reduce the hassles of travel.

Millions of merchants accept major credit cards around the world, so you rarely have to worry about having foreign currency on hand. Furthermore, they are usually required to reserve a hotel room, rent a car, and make other travel arrangements.

Depending on the credit card you choose, you can earn points toward travel or merchandise with every dollar you spend. Many people use credit cards for regular expenses such as groceries and monthly bill payments to amass as many points as possible. Some cards also include plans that extend warranties and offer insurance on purchases. Competition amongst card providers for your business is fierce — with a bit of research, you can get a card with the extra features that suits your needs exactly, maximizing the benefits.

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HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

Summer is the time when Toronto truly comes alive. With countless free events taking place across the city from now until the end of August, there's no excuse to stay inside.

Here are a few highlights:

MUSIC

1 SUMMER MUSIC IN THE GARDEN 2012. Bring a lawn chair, sit back and enjoy beautiful performances from a range of classical and traditional international musicians in the great outdoors at the Toronto music garden. This annual free music series takes place most Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. Performances last about an hour. harbourfrontcentre.com.

2 TD TORONTO JAZZ FESTIVAL, ON NOW UNTIL JULY 1. More than 1,000 performers including Ziggy Marley and Esperanza Spalding play concerts at numerous locations around the city during this popular annual jazz extravaganza. torontojazz.com.

3 24TH ANNUAL BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL, JULY 20-29. Groove to an array of music at multiple outdoor stages at Woodbine Park, Kew Gardens and along the boardwalk. All concerts are free. beachesjazz.com.

THEATRE & FILM

1 FREE FLICKS, EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9 P.M. FROM JULY 4 TO AUG. 29. This free outdoor film series showcases classic, documentary, biographical and comedic films that all explore the world of the "underdog." This summer's lineup includes Moneyball, Whale Rider and Napoleon Dynamite among others. harbourfrontcentre.com/freeflicks/

2 FRINGE FESTIVAL, JULY 4-15. Toronto's largest theatre festival, Fringe features more than 140 productions — from musicals to comedies to drama, dance and improv — at 25 venues across the city's west end. fringetoronto.com.

FESTIVALS & CULTURAL EVENTS

1 DANCING ON THE PIER: EVERY THURSDAY FROM JUNE 28 TO AUG. 30. Toronto's Harbourfront comes alive with a free dance series featuring informal dance performances — from swing to salsa to line dancing — accompanied by live bands and DJs. torontodance.com.

2 ISLAND SOUL, AUG. 3-6. This year, the popular Caribbean festival commemorates the 50th anniversary of independence of Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago. Highlights include performances by reggae singer Duane Stephenson. harbourfrontcentre.com/summer/islandsoul/

3 AFROFEST, JULY 7-8. Described as a free celebration of the richness and diversity of African culture, this festival takes place at Woodbine Park and features an African marketplace, food and craft vendors, kids activities, music workshops and performances by renowned African musicians. musicafrica.org/

4 STREETFEST, JULY 26-28. This event (part of the Beaches Jazz Fest) showcases the finest in swing, dixieland, Afro-Cuban, fusion, big band and more. Takes place along Queen Street East. beachesjazz.com./streetfest.html. *– Heather Buchan*

FOOD FESTIVALS

With food festivals taking place all summer long around the city, there is plenty of opportunity to sink your teeth into succulent treats. Here's a sampling:

- Toronto Ribfest, June 29 to July 2.
- Taste of Lawrence Festival, July 6-8
- Summerlicious, July 6-22
- Hot & Spicy Food Festival 15th anniversary, July 20 to 22
- Fusion of Taste, July 21
- Taste of the Danforth, Aug. 10-12

TIME TO GEAR UP FOR MS BIKE TOUR

This summer join the largest cycling series in North America.

Since 1989, the MS Bike Tour has combined fun with fundraising as cyclists of all ages and fitness levels ride to end multiple sclerosis. Each year more than 10,000 cyclists, including more than 5,000 teams, take part in 25 MS Bike Tour events across Canada. The event, which raises $9 million annually, supports crucial programs, services and research for the 55,000 to 75,000 Canadians living with this unpredictable disease.

Usually diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40, during the career and family building years, MS includes symptoms such as vision and speech problems, extreme fatigue, lack of balance and co-ordination, and even paralysis. The physical, emotional and financial effects of MS last a lifetime. Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world, with three more people being diagnosed each day. There is no cure.

The MS Bike Tour includes food and beverages, rest stops, cyclist support vehicles, first aid, basic bike repair services and a finish line massage and barbecue. Whether you ride on your own or with a team, the MS Bike Tour promises to be one of your most memorable summer events.

To register and for more information about the MS Bike Tour, visit **msbiketours.ca** or call **1-800-268-7582**.

NUMBER OF RIDES TO CHOOSE FROM

Cyclists in Ontario can take their pick from rides through scenic Prince Edward County (July 8) or Niagara Region (Aug. 26), on the centrally located trails and streets of west Toronto (Sept. 9), in the longest running two-day tour from Acton to Waterloo (Aug. 18-19) or in Ontario's largest tour from Lake Huron in Grand Bend to Western University in London (July 28-29).

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The Absolute Comedy stage is only a few feet wide and about eight inches off the ground, with the audience seated close. This strengthens the energy between the audience and performers, and helps the comedian read the room. But if you are the shy type, don't worry — at Absolute Comedy, comedians won't make you part of the act unless you want to be.

Your waiter or waitress isn't part of the act either. Since Absolute Comedy serves food restaurant-style before and during the shows, staff learn to be attentive while staying out of the line of sight. They are practically ninjas — able to deliver your meal and tend to your needs without making a sound. And they won't give you a bill until the show is over.

By the way: That bill won't be very much. Absolute Comedy's most expensive ticket price is 15 bucks, and the club's menu of finger foods, burgers, sandwiches, pastas, salads, and more isn't too costly either. The cost of drinks at their fully stocked bar is no higher than you will find at any Toronto bar or pub. Why wait any longer?

At Absolute Comedy, you get a night of laughs for a price that won't make you cry.

GET YOUR LAUGHS TO GO

Looking for great standup, but can't make it to a show? Absolute Comedy can send comedians anywhere in the Greater Toronto Area — to your birthday party, stag or bachelorette party, or corporate function. Prices vary, depending on length of the show and the number and types of comedians. To find out more, call 416-486-7700, or visit absolutecomedy.ca.

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SPORTS

Women's soccer

"We're a very confident team right now and we feel that on any given day we can beat the Japans, the U.S.A.'s, the Swedens."

Canadian women's soccer captain Christine Sinclair. She says her experienced team is primed for this summer's Olympics. The 18-woman squad announced Monday has a combined 1,374 caps. After the team's poor showing at last year's World Cup, Sinclair acknowledges it's time for the seventh-ranked Canadians to deliver against top opposition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web

Canadian welterweight Rory (Ares) MacDonald is looking to take down a legend at UFC 152 in Toronto. And he may get to do it in the main event. The British Columbian's fight against former champion B.J. Penn is currently listed as the co-main event for the Sept. 22 show at the Air Canada Centre. But a possible main event apparently won't take place. Scan the code for the story.

Early Wimbledon exit for Venus

Venus Williams leaves the court dejected after losing to Elena Vesnina in the first round of Wimbledon on Monday in London. CLIVE ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

For the first time since her debut appearance at the All England Club 15 years ago, five-time champion Venus Williams failed to get past the first round of Wimbledon.

The seven-time Grand Slam champion was eliminated 6-1, 6-3 by Elena Vesnina of Russia at Wimbledon on Monday, the latest setback in her return to tennis after being diagnosed with an energy-sapping autoimmune disease.

Williams, who has fallen to 58th in the rankings, lost the first five games on Court 2 to the 79th-ranked Russian and, although she picked up her game and fought hard, was never able to turn the match around.

It was the first time Williams lost in the opening round of a Grand Slam since the 2006 Australian Open, and the first at Wimbledon since her debut appearance in 1997.

"I feel like I'm a great player," Williams said. "I am a great player. Unfortunately I have to deal with circumstances that people don't have to deal with normally in a sport, but I can't be discouraged by that. I'm up for challenges. I have great tennis in me. I just need the opportunity." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany looking for elusive victory over Italy

Euro 2012. Germans have never beaten Italians at a major soccer tournament

Germany's young team can achieve something none of its predecessors have ever managed — beat Italy at a major tournament.

With such a negative record against Italy, no wonder the Germans don't want to be reminded of the past ahead of Thursday's European Championship semifinals in Warsaw.

It was Italy that smashed German hopes of winning the 2006 World Cup at home, beating the hosts in the semifinals with two late goals in extra time. Germany captain Philipp Lahm said his teammates are not concerned with statistics, but even the coaching staff has been impressed by the cool nerves of Andrea Pirlo.

"That was cheeky," goalkeeping coach Andreas Koepke said Monday of Pirlo's chipped penalty kick in the quarter-final win over England. "Of course we remember earlier matches and we remember 2006 as well. But it's in the past and they don't count now."

Germany is in the semifinals for the fourth straight major tournament. The team made the final of Euro 2008 and the semifinals of the 2010 World Cup, losing both times to Spain. Germany has won 15 straight competitive matches, a record.

"We are confident we can beat any team, but it will be tough. Italy showed how well it can play already by holding Spain to a draw," said Mesut Ozil. "We are strong in attack and in defence, we believe in ourselves and we want the title." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Head-to-head

Of seven previous World Cup or European Championship matches between Germany and Italy, the latter has won three and the others were draws.

Bastian Schweinsteiger, left, and Lukas Podolski during a Germany training session on Monday in Gdansk, Poland. JOERN POLLEX/GETTY IMAGES

Toronto FC

Luis Silva CONTRIBUTED

Silva addresses brawl in Houston

Luis Silva is sorry and embarrassed.

And, while not using it as an excuse, he's also grief-stricken.

Toronto FC's rookie midfielder spoke publicly for the first time Monday about his arrest, along with teammates Miguel Aceval and Nick Soolsma, for public intoxication after a brawl outside a nightclub in Houston last week.

"It was just a stupid mistake I made," the 23-year-old Californian said. "I shouldn't have been there.

"And, for my part, that will never happen again."

While reluctant to get into details about the incident at about 2:45 a.m. on June 18, Silva said he has addressed it with the entire team.

Silva gave a glimpse into his mindset leading up to the incident, which served as the latest embarrassment for a club mired in last place in MLS.

On June 16, the morning of a game in Kansas City, Silva got word from his family that his father, Saul Silva Segui, 52, had died in Los Angeles after never regaining consciousness following a stroke about two weeks earlier.

Having just spent about 10 days at his father's bedside and comforting his mother and kid sister, Silva decided to stay with the team to complete the two-game road trip, which was to wrap up Wednesday night in Houston. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Football. Historic CFL season to provide drama

The 2012 season will be a nostalgic one for the CFL as it marks the 100th anniversary of the Grey Cup.

But after a busy off-season, there will be plenty of drama for football fans long before the historic championship game is played in November.

The season opens with four new head coaches across the league, slotback Andy Fantuz playing closer to home and longtime West Division quarterbacks Ricky Ray and Henry Burris renewing their rivalry in southern Ontario.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Hamilton Tiger-Cats, meanwhile, will bid farewell to their longtime stadiums at the end of the season while B.C. Lions veteran receiver Geroy Simon is on the verge of breaking the all-time receiving yards record.

Fantuz, Burris and Ray will all be prominent figures Friday when the regular season kicks off.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"There were significant changes in the off-season. I think all these stories build great momentum for us in 2012."

CFL commissioner Mark Cohon

Women's basketball

Canadians step closer to London

The Canadian women's basketball team thumped Mali 89-23 on Monday in the opening game for both teams at a FIBA Olympic qualifying tournament.

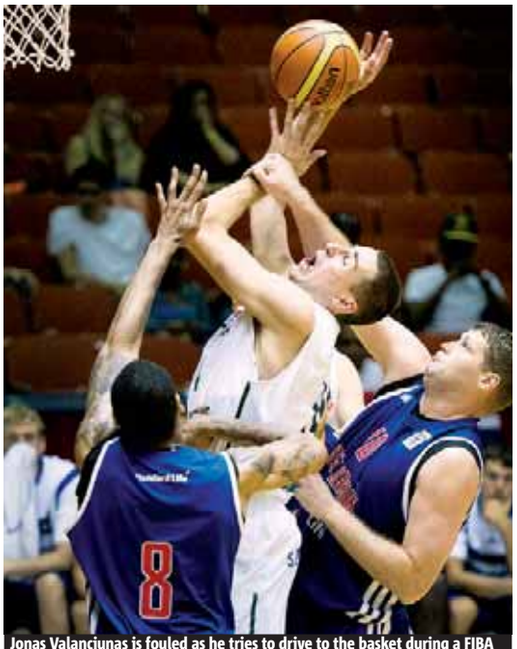
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marijuana

Gymnast banned after drug test

A gymnast from Oakville has been suspended six months after the world governing body of gymnastics says Cory Marsh, 18, failed a drug test in Orlando in April. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raptors brass gushing over rookie Valanciunas



Jonas Valanciunas is fouled as he tries to drive to the basket during a FIBA exhibition game between Lithuania and Great Britain Saturday in Houston.

SMILEY N. POOL/HOUSTON CHRONICLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA. Lithuanian centre will join Raptors once he fulfils obligations to his national team

It is going to be difficult for the Raptors to lower the excitement level of fans about the impending arrival of NBA rookie Jonas Valanciunas when team officials seem to be having a hard time doing it themselves.

Senior executive Ed Stefanski, who along with president Bryan Colangelo and coach Dwane Casey saw Valanciunas play for Lithuania against Great Britain on Saturday in Houston, fairly gushed when asked about their young seven-footer.

"The fans are going to be excited," Stefanski said after the Raptors put a six-pack of second-round draft prospects through a workout at the Air Canada Centre on Monday. "I'm excited. I have to temper my own expectations."

The 20-year-old Valanciunas, the fifth pick in the 2011 NBA draft, will join the Raptors this summer. And when he does, Stefanski was adamant that he'll come in not only as highly touted by Raptors fans starving for a young player to rally around, but someone who will live up to his billing.

"He's not going to come in the first day and take over, it's going to take him a while, but they're going to see a kid who is seven-foot, who's long, who doesn't mind contact," Stefanski said.

"When they played the other night against Great Britain, it was hand-to-hand combat on every possession.

"This kid didn't back down once, that's what I liked about him the most."

The impending arrival of Valanciunas has to be playing into Toronto's preparation for Thursday's NBA draft.

Stefanski reiterated a commonly held opinion that Valanciunas would be the consensus No. 2 pick this year behind Kentucky's Anthony Davis and adding him to the roster might allow Toronto to take someone at No. 8 who is a longer-term prospect rather than someone who can contribute right away.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	43	28	.606	—
Baltimore	41	31	.569	2½
Tampa Bay	40	32	.556	3½
Boston	38	34	.528	5½
Toronto	37	35	.514	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	38	34	.528	—
Cleveland	37	34	.521	½
Detroit	35	37	.486	3
Kansas City	31	39	.443	6
Minnesota	29	42	.408	8½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	45	28	.616	—
Los Angeles	40	33	.548	5
Oakland	35	38	.479	10
Seattle	31	43	.419	14½

Monday's results
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees
Toronto at Boston
Detroit at Texas
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota
Tampa Bay at Kansas City
Oakland at Seattle
Tuesday's games — All Times Eastern
Cleveland (Masterson 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 8-4) at Baltimore (Matusz 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Laffey 0-0) at Boston (Matsuzaka 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 2-2) at Texas (Darvish 9-4), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 5-7) at Minnesota (Hendriks 0-4), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 0-1) at Kansas City (B.Chen 6-6), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Blackley 1-2) at Seattle (Vargas 7-7), 10:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Sunday's results
Miami 9 Toronto 0
Baltimore 2 Washington 1
Boston 9 Atlanta 4
Chicago WSox 1 Milwaukee 0 (10 innings)
Detroit 3 Pittsburgh 2
Houston 7 Cleveland 1
L.A. Angels 5 L.A. Dodgers 3
Minnesota 4 Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Yankees 6 N.Y. Mets 5
Oakland 4 San Francisco 2
San Diego 2 Seattle 0
St. Louis 11 Kansas City 8
Tampa Bay 3-7 Philadelphia 2-3
Texas 4 Colorado 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Konerko, ChiW	65	240	36	82	.342
Trout, LAA	51	207	43	70	.338
Beltre, Tex	69	266	41	86	.323
Hamilton, Tex	66	254	46	81	.319
Trumbo, LAA	64	237	34	75	.316
Mauer, Minn	63	228	33	72	.316
Jeter, NYY	70	302	40	92	.305
Fielder, Det	72	270	36	82	.304

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
DWright, NYM	69	253	47	91	.360
Votto, Cin	71	245	47	88	.359
MeCabrera, SF	70	291	49	102	.351
Ruiz, Pha	65	207	30	72	.348
McCutchen, Pgh	68	253	39	86	.340
CGonzalez, Col	65	265	52	87	.328
Braun, Mil	68	260	47	83	.319
YMolina, StL	66	242	31	77	.318
Prado, Atl	70	276	42	87	.315

Not including Monday's games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	41	29	.586	—
New York	39	34	.534	3½
Atlanta	38	34	.528	4
Miami	34	38	.472	8
Philadelphia	34	40	.459	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	39	32	.549	—
Pittsburgh	38	33	.535	1
St. Louis	38	35	.521	2
Milwaukee	33	39	.458	6½
Houston	30	42	.417	9½
Chicago	24	48	.333	15½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	43	30	.589	—
San Francisco	40	33	.548	3
Arizona	37	35	.514	5½
Colorado	27	44	.380	15
San Diego	26	47	.356	17

Monday's results
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Miami
N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs
San Diego at Houston
Washington at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco
Sunday's result
Arizona 5 Chicago Cubs 1
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Arizona (D.Hudson 3-1) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 0-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 6-2) at Miami (Zambrano 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 5-5) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (K.Wells 0-0) at Houston (Lyles 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 9-3) at Colorado (Friedrich 4-4), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 6-3), 10:15 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

POINTS LEADERS
Through June 24

1. Matt Kenseth, 596 points. 2. Greg Biffle, 585. 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 582. 4. Jimmie Johnson, 571. 5. Tony Stewart, 533. 6. Kevin Harvick, 532. 7. Clint Bowyer, 529. 8. Denny Hamlin, 523. 9. Martin Truex Jr., 520. 10. Brad Keselowski, 490. 11. Carl Edwards, 479. 12. Kyle Busch, 459. 13. Ryan Newman, 453. 14. Paul Menard, 445. 15. Joey Logano, 441. 16. Marcos Ambrose, 425. 17. Kasey Kahne, 421. 18. Jeff Gordon, 414. 19. Jeff Burton, 408. 20. Jamie McMurray, 402. 21. Aric Almirola, 388. 22. Juan Pablo Montoya, 387. 23. A J Allmendinger, 365. 24. Mark Martin, 341. 25. Regan Smith, 338. 26. Bobby Labonte, 336. 27. Kurt Busch, 331. 28. Casey Mears, 296. 29. David Ragan, 278. 30. David Gilliland, 264. 31. Travis Kvapil, 228. 32. Landon Cassill, 227. 33. Dave Blaney, 219. 34. David Reutimann, 198. 35. J.J. Yeley, 117. 36. Brian Vickers, 106. 37. David Stremme, 103. 38. Michael McDowell, 83. 39. Tony Raines, 61. 40. Ken Schrader, 60. 41. Josh Wise, 59. 42. Brendan Gaughan, 50. 43. Terry Labonte, 42. 44. Stephen Leicht, 37. 45. Scott Speed, 31. 46. Scott Riggs, 27. 47. Michael Waltrip, 26. 48. Boris Said, 15. 49. Hermie Sadler, 13. 50. Robby Gordon, 11.

GOLF

PGA FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

Through June 24
(all figures in U.S. dollars)

	Points—Money YTD
1. Jason Dufner	1,849—$4,077,013
2. Bubba Watson	1,617—$3,732,778
3. Hunter Mahan	1,572—$3,387,212
4. Tiger Woods	1,452—$3,050,398
5. Matt Kuchar	1,423—$3,325,352
6. Zach Johnson	1,420—$3,084,941
7. Rory McIlroy	1,372—$3,164,700
8. Phil Mickelson	1,313—$2,857,371
9. Webb Simpson	1,298—$2,771,722
10. Carl Pettersson	1,258—$2,459,113
11. Rickie Fowler	1,197—$2,731,569
12. Justin Rose	1,169—$2,636,250
13. Johnson Wagner	1,142—$2,107,868
14. Luke Donald	1,070—$2,299,506
15. Kyle Stanley	992—$2,035,353
16. John Huh	982—$2,120,080
17. Mark Wilson	940—$1,953,639
18. Jim Furyk	931—$1,939,396
19. Bill Haas	922—$1,887,862
20. Keegan Bradley	915—$1,764,635
21. Steve Stricker	911—$1,862,017
22. Dustin Johnson	898—$1,815,990
23. Marc Leishman	897—$1,732,982
24. Brandt Snedeker	888—$1,757,814
25. Ben Curtis	886—$2,154,480
26. Martin Laird	847—$1,885,834
27. Graeme McDowell	812—$1,827,484
28. Ernie Els	802—$1,644,658
29. Kevin Na	779—$1,690,805
30. Ben Crane	747—$1,508,555
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41. Ryan Palmer	641—$1,163,762
42. Matt Every	641—$1,365,897
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65. Greg Owen	477—$827,163
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103. Kevin Chappell	333—$443,157
104. Brian Harman	332—$522,818
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106. J.J. Henry	325—$571,495
107. Will Claxton	323—$453,062
107. Davis Love III	323—$552,384
109. Chris Kirk	318—$549,571
110. Trevor Immelman	309—$476,104
111. David Mathis	307—$575,980
112. Kevin Streelman	306—$580,337
113. Graham DeLaet	**305—$539,142**
114. Tim Herron	296—$353,970
115. Jason Day	295—$579,786
116. William McGirt	289—$403,418
117. Brendan Steele	288—$599,915
118. Vaughn Taylor	280—$462,618
119. Kyle Reifers	268—$334,158
120. Kris Blanks	268—$365,659

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

At Ankara, Turkey

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Monday's results
Canada 89 Mali 23
Croatia 84 Mozambique 62
Czech Republic 70 New Zealand 51
Turkey 65 Puerto Rico 53
Tuesday's games — All Times Eastern
Mozambique vs. South Korea, 7:30 a.m.
New Zealand vs. Argentina, 9:45 a.m.
Turkey vs. Japan, 12 noon
Canada vs. France, 2:15 p.m.
Wednesday's games
Croatia vs. South Korea, 7:30 a.m.
Japan vs. Puerto Rico, 9:45 a.m.
Argentina vs. Czech Republic, 12 noon
France vs. Mali, 2:15 p.m.
End of Preliminary Round

CFL

PRE-SEASON (FINAL)

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	2	0	0	54	44	4
Hamilton	2	1	1	0	50	54	2
Winnipeg	2	1	1	0	47	36	2
Montreal	2	0	2	0	30	47	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	2	2	0	0	68	26	4
Calgary	2	2	0	0	53	48	4
Saskatchewan	2	0	2	0	41	77	0
Edmonton	2	0	2	0	33	44	0

REGULAR SEASON

WEEK ONE
All Times Eastern
Friday's games
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at B.C., 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Toronto at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Montreal at Calgary, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON

At London
Yesterday's results (seedings in parentheses)
MEN
Singles — First Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.
Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. John Isner (11), U.S., 6-4, 6-7 (7), 3-6, 7-6 (7), 7-5.
Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, vs. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-7 (4), 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 2-2 (susp., darkness).
Gilles Simon (13), France, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-3, 5-4 (retired).
Juan Monaco (15), Argentina, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).
Fernando Verdasco (17), Spain, def. Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-5.
Richard Gasquet (18), France, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Andreas Seppi (23), Italy, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Marcel Granollers (24), Spain, 7-5, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 2-6, 8-6.
Mikhail Youzhny (26), Russia, def. Donald Young, U.S., 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
Radek Stepanek (28), Czech Republic, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-1, 1-0 (retired).
Julien Benneteau (29), France, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Florian Mayer (31), Germany, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
Michael Russell, U.S., def. Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (7).
Ryan Sweeting, U.S., def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-2, 2-0 (retired).
Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (2).
WOMEN
Singles — First Round
Maria Sharapova (1), Russia, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3.
Sam Stosur (5), Australia, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.
Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1.
Li Na (11), China, def. Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-1.
Vera Zvonareva (12), Russia, vs. Mona Barthel, Germany, 2-6, 7-6 (3) (susp., darkness).
Sabine Lisicki (15), Germany, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-2.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Flavia Pennetta (16), Italy, 6-4, 6-3.
Maria Kirilenko (17), Russia, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-3, 6-1.
Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Jelena Jankovic (18), Serbia, 6-2, 6-4.
Nadia Petrova (20), Russia, def. Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, 6-0, 6-2.
Petra Cetkovska (23), Czech Republic, def. Vania King, U.S., 6-4, 6-2.
Jamie Lee Hampton, U.S., def. Daniela Hantuchova (27), Slovakia, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
Christina McHale (28), U.S., vs. Johanna Konta, Britain, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 7-7 (susp., darkness).
Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, def. Monica Niculescu (29), Romania, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Peng Shuai (30), China, def. Sandra Zaniewska, Poland, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-3.
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Venus Williams, U.S., 6-1, 6-3.

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QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday's result
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Italy 0 England 0
(Italy advances 4-2 on penalties)

SEMIFINALS

All Times Eastern
Wednesday's game
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Portugal vs. Spain, 2:45 p.m.
Thursday's game
At Warsaw, Poland
Germany vs. Italy, 2:45 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday's game
At Kiev, Ukraine
Semifinal winners, 2:45 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	16	9	4	3	31	24	30
D.C.	17	9	5	3	31	22	30
Kansas City	15	9	4	2	20	15	29
Chicago	15	7	5	3	20	19	24
Houston	15	5	5	5	20	23	20
Columbus	14	5	5	4	14	15	19
New England	15	5	7	3	20	20	18
Montreal	16	5	8	3	24	26	18
Philadelphia	13	3	8	2	12	15	11
Toronto	13	1	10	2	13	28	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	16	10	3	3	31	19	33
Real Salt Lake	17	10	5	2	28	19	32
Vancouver	16	7	4	5	18	19	26
Seattle	16	7	5	4	19	16	25
Los Angeles	16	6	8	2	22	23	20
Colorado	15	6	8	1	21	21	19
Chivas USA	16	5	7	4	11	18	19
Portland	15	4	6	5	14	17	16
Dallas	17	3	9	5	16	26	14

Sunday's results
New York 3 D.C. United 2
Portland 2 Seattle 1
Saturday's results
Montreal 4 Houston 2
New England 2 Toronto 2
Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 0
Philadelphia 4 Kansas City 0
Chicago 2 Columbus 1
Chivas USA 0 Dallas 0
San Jose 2 Real Salt Lake 1
Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern
Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Chicago at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Montreal at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Columbus, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Puerto Rico	12	7	3	2	21	10	23
San Antonio	12	6	2	4	18	12	22
Minnesota	12	5	2	5	18	16	20
Tampa Bay	13	5	5	3	16	18	18
Carolina	13	4	4	5	22	20	17
Fort Lauderdale	13	4	5	4	17	20	16
Edmonton	12	3	7	2	11	13	11
Atlanta	13	1	7	5	12	26	8

Saturday's results
Carolina 2 Edmonton 0
Minnesota 2 Fort Lauderdale 1
Puerto Rico 2 Atlanta 1
Tampa Bay 3 San Antonio 2

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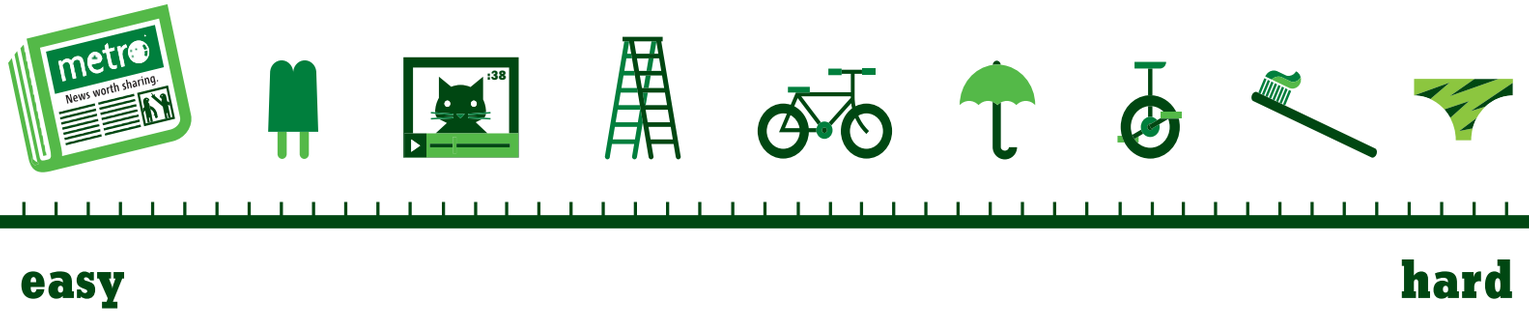

Sundin on list of first-year eligibles for Hall of Fame

Hockey. Shanahan, Sakic, Roenick also among possible inductees for 2012 class

Mats Sundin, Joe Sakic, Brendan Shanahan and Jeremy Roenick lead the list of first-year eligible players hoping to get the call from the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The hall will announce its newest inductees on Tuesday. The 2012 class will enter the hall on Nov. 22.

Mats Sundin TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Every year now it's getting real difficult," Hall of Famer Scotty Bowman, a member of the 18-member selection committee, said of choosing the inductees.

Sundin collected 564 goals and 785 assists from his 1,346 games in the NHL. Best known as a stylish captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Swede also played for Quebec and Vancouver.

No. 13 played in eight NHL all-star games.

The hall can only welcome four players each year.

Last year saw Ed Belfour, Doug Gilmour, Mark Howe and Joe Nieuwendyk inducted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Collective bargaining

All-stars gather for NHLPA talks

It could have been an all-star team.

First, Alex Ovechkin strode through the hotel lobby and into a meeting room. Soon Jonathan Toews, John Tavares, Shea Weber, Shane Doan and 50 other NHLers followed — as sure a sign as any about how seriously members of the NHL Players' Association are taking their last set of meetings before negotiations begin on a new collective bargaining agreement.

"I think everybody has to be involved," Ovechkin said Monday. "It's the future for everybody.... It's our lives."

The CBA is scheduled to expire on Sept. 15. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heat wave: Championship celebration hits streets

Dwyane Wade of the Heat rides in a victory parade through the streets during a celebration for the 2012 NBA champions on Monday in Miami. The Heat beat the Oklahoma City Thunder to win the NBA title. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

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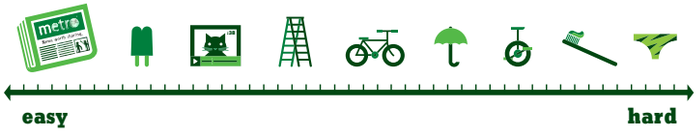

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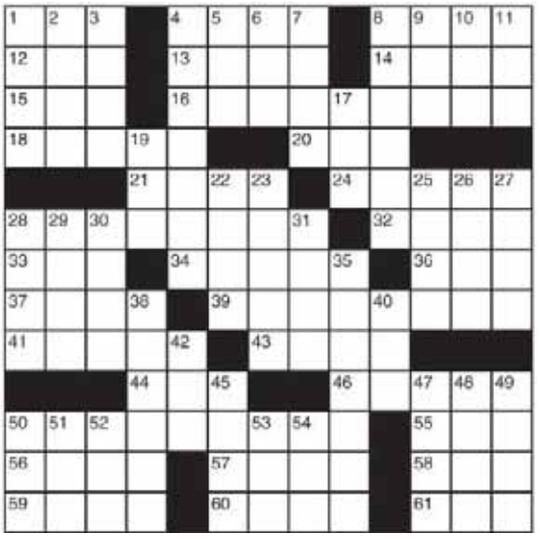

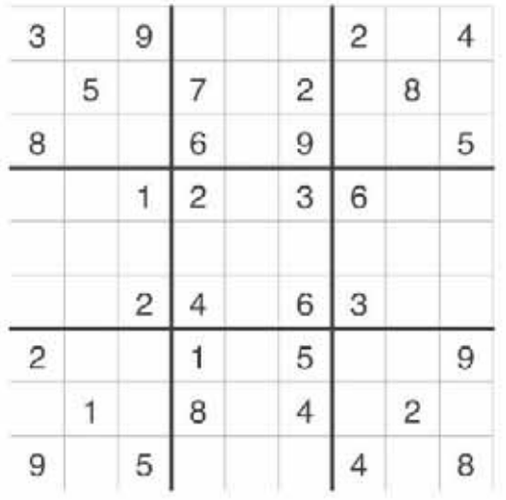

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

ECHHUEGLT RUC EWVMH EUFNAUOR CLWGX SN EWMVWE EGLTGLT. RUC FGTSW EMR RUC ANXWNO UCW M WCLN.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A MAN'S NEATLY GROOMED HAIR GETS ALL MUSSED UP, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S NOW DE-PARTED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Your thoughts will become more positive now that mind planet Mercury is moving in your favour again.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Something you value will have to be given up but if you are wise you will realize it has to happen so there is room for something even better to come in and replace it.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You need to speak up about something you think isn't fair.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Stop trying to hurry things along because what is meant to happen will happen in its own good time. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to money issues where, quite soon, you are in for some good news.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Your outlook will change quite a bit over the next few days.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Don't draw attention to yourself today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Let friends and colleagues know how you feel today, even if you are the kind of Libra who hates to show emotion.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will have to make some tough decisions over the next few days, decisions that will impact your career in major ways.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It's OK to bend the rules a bit today. No harm will come of it so long as you do it sensibly and don't take too many liberties.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Something you once thought was so important now seems trivial, and it's to your credit that you are not afraid to change your mind.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. A relationship problem that has been worrying you for weeks will resolve itself over the next two or three days. Whether the resolution seems "good" or "bad" depends on your outlook.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. What you need to remember today is that every challenge you face is also an opportunity. Put another way: the more you are challenged the more you will grow and the more you will learn and profit over time.

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